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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1617  
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 05725.1032-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Michel PHILIPPE et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1617
	)	
Application No.: 10/086,248	)	Examiner: T. CRIARES
	)	
Filed: March 4, 2002	)	Confirmation No.: 7789
	)	
For: COSMETIC OR PHARMACEUTICAL	)	
COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING	)	
HOMOPOLYMERS AND SALTS	)	
THEREOF	)	

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

This reply is in response to the final Office Action mailed August 13, 2004.

Applicants note that since November 13, 2004, was a Saturday, this Reply filed November 15, 2004, the next succeeding business day, is timely. 35 U.S.C. § 21(b).

**REMARKS**

**Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-32 are pending in this application. Claims 2-13 and 18-27 remain withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 14-17, and 28-30 are rejected. Applicants